rimbursement to them in the case of the treatment of their family members has however, been restricted to 75 per cent of the expenses incurred by them. In the nationalised banks, in terms of the understanding reached between the IBA and the officers associations of the banks, in the year 1989, which has since been accepted by the Government the reimbursement of hospitalisation expenses will be to the extent of 90 per cent for themselves and 60 per cent for members of their families. This will be in addition to the lumpsum amount payable to them for other medical expenses on the basis of a certificate. Since the industry level undertaking has been reached to which the officers associations and the bank managements are parties the Government would not like to make any departure from the understanding.

Complaint of discrimination of the agreement between Indian Banks' Association AIBOC

2063. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are complaints of discrimination towards and curtailment of existing benefits of the Bank Officers in the recently concluded agreement between Indian Banks' Association and AIBOC; and

(b) if so, what are the details and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Except for minor rationalisation in matters like medical leave, reimbursement of hospitalisation charges in connection with maternity and class|mode of travel on duty, etc., by certain officers, there is no curtailment of the existnig benefits of bank officers in the understanding reached between the Indian Banks' Associaiton and the bank officers' associations which has been accepted by the Government recently.

Notice received by office of the development commissioner (Handicrafts) Varanasi for sales tax payment on sale of carpets

2064. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a final notice for payment of sals tax on the sale of carpets produced by the trainees for the year 1983-84. and 1984-85, amounting to lakhs of rupees was received by the Varanasi Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts);

(b) whether it is a fact that sale proceeds were received in full from private parties but were deposited in part and that accounts regarding amounts due and sales tax chargeable thereon have not been maintained; and

(c) if so, what action is being taken or proposd to be taken in this regard so as to fix responsibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUM. SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. Notice for payment of sales tax on the sale of carpets produced by the trainees has been received as per details given below:

Received on 15th April 1988.

for 1983-84—Rs. 1,50,000|-

Received on 31st May 1989 for 1984-85— Rs. 3,36,389.52.

(b) Sales realisations deposited in full as per records.

(c) Cases are under review with the Sales Tax Commissioner, Varanasi. Hence the question of fixing the responsibility does not arise.

Non-functioning of carpet weaving training centres in Uttar Pradesh

2065. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a majority of Carpet Weaving Training Centres in

Uttar Pradesh are not functioning for the last six months due to non-availability of raw materials and improper planning, resulting in wasteful expenditure of crores of rupees on rent, wages, stipend etc.;

(b) if so, what action has been taken against the officers responsible for such a situation; and

(c) what action hae been taken or proposed to be taken to run the Centres properly and minimise wasteful Government expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUM. SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir. However, certain centres to remain inoperative for certain periods due to following reasons:—

1. Centres being peripetatic in nature some remain in the process of shifting after meeting the training requirement of a certain area.

2. Temporary shortage of raw-material due to non-availability of yarn on required quality.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Raw material of required quality and quantity have been procured and supplied.

Maintenance of accounts in the field administrative office at Varanasi of the office of the development commissioner (handicrafts)

2066. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether cash receipts amounting to rupees eight to nine lakhs were issued in TR-5 form against sale proceeds of trainees' carpets during 1983-84 and 1984-85 by field Administrative Office at Varanasi of the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) and whether these sales were effected as per guidelines/instruction in this regard;

(b) whether records such as sales memos, parties from whom the amounts were received, sales tax charged and deposits were maintained as per prescribed procedures; and

(c) if not, what were the reasons therefor and what action is proposed to be taken to rectify the irregularity and fix responsibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUM. SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir. Carpets worth Rs. 1.39 lakh only were sold against TR-5 Form during the period, and the sales were effected as per guidelines.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Retired|retiring persons deposit scheme

2067. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced the Retired|Retiring Persons Deposit scheme as indicated in the Budget 1989-90 speech; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the scheme and whether a copy of the scheme will be laid on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Deposit Scheme for Retiring Government Employees, 1989 has been introduced from 1st July, 1989. The scheme is operated through selected branches of the public sector banks. The salient features of the scheme are as follows:—

(i) The scheme is open for investment by retired|retiring Central|State Government employees.

(ii) Investments may be made upto the maximum of total of the retirement benefits received by such employees.